VIEWS OF STAGE AFFAIRS. "THE CONQUERORS" PROSPERING

IN SPITE OF ATTACK. Min Markery Says It Can't So Performed in Sectand-The Revival of "The Morry Wives of Windsor" at Daly's to Not Alto-gether Admirable-The Castle Square Co. Elisabeth Marbury says that the French Sosents in this country, will prevent in London the

of Dramatic Authors, which she repreproduction of Paul Potter's play, "The Conors," on the ground that It is a plagiarism "L' Haire" and "Mile, Fift," which are the works of Victorien Sardou and Guy de Maupassant, and are protected by the treaty of Berne. Potter explained to some of his friends here that his play was founded on Sardou's work. One of the ramors which floated in upper Broadway yesterday was that, in consequence of the attacks made upon "The Conquerors" as being too explicit in its love story, the play would be withdrawn soon at the Empire. "That is arrant nonsense," said Manager Shea, "Not only is the piece crowding the house, but is drawing and pleasing the fashionable people who customarily favor the Empire, Mr. Frohman planned to produce 'A Man and His Wife,' dramatization of Throso' and 'The Silver Key,' but, contrary to usage, he has not begun to re bearse any successor to 'The Conquerors,' which drew almost \$10,000 last week. I believe he has turned his attention to productions elsewhere 'O, Susannah' at Hoyt's, 'One Summer's Day' with Mr. Drew at Wallack's and a new piece with Mr. Miller at the Garden. He expects, after these are done and after laying out the remainder of the season for the stock company, to go to London in March, where he is to pany, t. go to London in March, where he is to groduce Mr. Gillette's 'Too Much Johnson' and Belasco's The Heart of Maryland,' both with American companies, besides a farce. For his own London house, the Duke of York's, he has in preparation Bisson's 'Jealousy' in English and Anthony Hope's 'The Adenture of Lady Ursula.' All of which suggests that the stage is not suffering at home through Mr. Frohman's work, nor are American actors or authors doing so through him abroad."

In the second act of "The Merry Wives of Windsor," as played at Daly's, inexcusable liberty is taken with Shakespeare. Standing in front of Page's house, young Fenton, with an introduction not in the text, drops suddenly into song. The young woman of musical farce who sees the grand plane under the old oak tree and thereupon decides to give a ballad, is not a more irrelevant figure than this Shakes pearean lover, who, in a faint and bleating tener voice, joins with a woman's tremulous soprano in a duet from Nikolai's opera of "The Merry Wives of Windsor." Singing in the Shakespearean comedies is agreeable enough if made reasonably incidental. In that case there is no great damage to art, whether it be to the taste of all admirers of Shakespeare or not. But to pass deliberately from one fixed form of play to another is distinctly offensive What audience can seriously contemplate Fen to and Anne Page as the characters in Shakespeare's play at one moment and at the next aceept them in duet taken from an opera. If this
plan is to be followed in the rest of the old
comedy revivals at Daly's, there should be
found in the theatre's repertory of musical
farces numbers much more popular with the
audiences. But they should not again be left
to Miss Fairfax and Mr. McCay. "A Little
Bit of String" might appropriately enough be
put into "King Lear" if Mr. Daly ever produces that play, and there will not be from his
point of view too much incongruity between
the period of "London Assurance" and the meledies of "The Gayety Girl." The fact that a
song interpolated to help the progress of the
play and to express the sense of the situation
happens to come from an opera founded on the
same story, has nothing to do with the propriety of the device. A number of operas are
founded on the plays of Shakespeare, but it remained for Mr. Daly to transfer a part of one of
them into a dramatic performance of the same
piece. Ada Rehan's Mistress Ford is most
agreeable, in the delivery of which she avoids
any suggestion of grossness, and even in those
sense in which she is sembraced by Falstaff. ton and Anne Page as the characters in Shake sgreeable, in the delivery of which she avoids any suggestion of grossness, and even in those scenes in which she is embraced by Faistoff berown merriment makes the scene; so obviously comic that there is no sense of impropriety. The actress insists without interruption on the humorous phase of the scenes, and it is a curious but effective detail that every embrace of the fat knight's is followed by the same crescendo laughter. Her gown is unfortunately trying, and, contrasted with the constume worn by Emma Eames in the same role, is curiously inartistic and ordinary. The peaked hat, a wholly unnecessary adjunct, is as unbecoming as any headgear well could be.

Many things in the costuming of the Shake spearcan comedy now at Daly's are unworthy of a first-class theatre. One of these is the suit worn by the unfortunate Fenton. On the left leg is a square patch and the velvet is sadly worn and faded. The pale blue dress worn by Slender has, through frequent cleanings, faded to a mottled state that is neither blue nor white. Most of the remaining color seems to have settled in the left leg of the faded tights. The are flimsy and cheap. Mr. Richman's appear ance as Ford suggests the improvised garb of an amateur with the tawdry materials poorly made up. Even the Falstaff suit is a make shift that does much to injure the effect of Mr. Clarke's playing, and one of the other charac ters needs a patch as badly as Fenton must have wanted one before he got it. In the last act the colors worn by the fairies are in few cases light in shade. Vivid blues and reds predominate Most of the scenery, which has long been in use represents Mr. Hoyt's remarkable ideas of Enzabethan architecture and decoration and o

represents Mr. Hoyt's remarkable incas of Engabethan architecture and decoration and of English borticulture.

George Clarke is an authoritative actor without the humor for Falstaff, but with a good method of elecution, intelligence and a finished technique. So his performance is better than could have been reasonably expected in view of the deficiencies in natural temperament. Wilfred Clarke, Tyrone Power and Sidney Herbert play small roles well. Joseph Herbert is intensely modern, but laughable, and the spirit with which Catherine Lewis acts compensates for her contemporary manner. Mr. Richman's Ford is enough to make his friends despair of any permanent improvement in his art. Herbert Greeham's Scotch doctor is artistic and amuning. John Craix S Page is an agreeable performance. There is a little page taught to imitate Fulstoff and strut about after him that makes the serious spectators grieve, but there is some laughter at this incongruous figure. There is no suggestion in the entire production of luxury or expensiveness. When details are not flagrantly inappropriate they are barely blernie. there is no suggestion in the entire production of laxury or expensiveness. When details are not flagrantly mappropriate they are barely tolerable. This has been the atmosphere of the lady Shakespearoan revivals for some years, and any reference to their spectacular beauty is only the cello that comes from a habit formed long ago, when there really was freshness and beauty about them. But there are only traces of it left.

The Castle Square Opera Company has met with success in its venture here, and there is no reason to believe that this will not continue as long in New York as it did in Boston. The company has a large repertory of popular works, and can draw on them for a long time. At the same time, it would be agreeable to hear the tispers in some new works, and possibly in that way the engagement would take on an interest it can never have so long as the operas are serely revivals. It would be worth while, or instance, to attempt Smetana's "The Rar tered Bride," of which so much has been heard h New York, although the opera has never been rformed yet in this country. Goldmark's The Cricket on the Hearth" might be within the powers of the company, and even for the sake of hearing the works one would be in-clined to overlook the defects of performance that might follow an attempt to give the Bobleme of either Leoncavallo or Puccini, there is probably very little reason to believe that the company will desert its present pros perous course in order to make any experiments, that there, would be some appreciative persons in the public. When 2,000 pertens, however, go to see "The Fencing Master" managers are not likely to worry their heads ever any change in the policy of their comover any change in the policy of their com-panies, and doubtless none of these interesting Norks will ever be heard at the American Takatre. Mr. Maurice Grau has always been quite content to led the public have as much Faust as it wanted, and heary Savage prob-ably intends that his audiences shall not be compelled in hear novelties which they don't know whether they like or not until they have seard hem. The unfortunate result of this un-grapher is that he audiences at any away. ceraint is the infortunate result of this unferming is that the audiences stay away. That is another fact of which Mr. Grau has become full aware from his own experience. So the Come whater sincers will keep on with the light opens that everyhady knows, and there is at hose the strangs to be thankful for. Some of the earlier Gibbert and Sullivan we hope to see that the translation of the carrier Gibbert and Sullivan we hope to see that "The Goadoliers" and one of two other opens that are not frequently heard how. Probably Ofenbach will never a put forward at the American. There seems an irreconcilable difference between this

Boston company and Offenbach that makes it impossible to consider them together. But Julie Kopacey is going to sing "La Beile Helenc," as "Die Schoene Helenc," of course, down at the Irving Place Theatre. That will be more Offenbach than we have heard since Lillian Russell used to sing "The Grand Duchess." A recent revival of the work falled in London, but that seems to have been due chiefly to a singularly mali droit adaptation of the book, as well as to the unsultableness of some of the actors. The repertoire of the company at the American is well selected. Comparatively unfamiliar works seem to be available, and that class includes a number that will be acceptable when their time comes. Suppe's "Trip to Africa" and Milloceker's "Gasparone" have not been heard here in years, save for a few performances at the Terrace Garden. Both of them are delightful works. "Hoccarcio" is strange here in English, and its last performance in that language must have been a decade ago. If the company would sing some of the Auber operas they, too, would be highly appreciated. Profitable use of some of the operas in the Opéra Comique répertoire at Paris might be made. Maybe "Fra Diavolo," however, will be the only example of that kind of performance that the company will give us. There are still Strauss and Sullivan to be grateful for even then, so the Castle Square is certain to do something that will please us.

Henrik Ibsen is said to be writing a play called The Rat Children," that will be completed in the spring. The preliminary reports concerning Ibsen's plays are usually incorrect and this may be like the others. In a circus at Christia nia there is to be a clown who is disguised to look like Ibsen. The newspapers have protested vigorously against this irreverence, but the pubic is said to enjoy it highly.

Mile. Reichemberg, who is known in Paris as la petite doyenne" of the Comédie Française, will appear at the theatre for the last time or Feb. 15. She is a societaire of the theatre and provement in the condition of actors, it is recalled that Mme. Anals, a popular actress who retired in 1849, received only \$1.472.

acted in Germany and created little or no impression on the first audience that witnessed it, t is easy to realize the occasional disadvantage too much preliminary discussion. Gabriel d'Annunzio's "La Ville Morte" will have to be a great play to satisfy the expectations arouse the advance puffery. Sarah Bernhardt will act the play in Paris very soon, and its Italian roduction will take place whenever Eleonors Duse is ready to give the drama. Another play has the Empress Josephine as its beroine. A

has the Empress Josephine as its heroine. A play on the same theme was recently acted in Vicana. The French drama deals with the divorce of Josephine from Napoleon.

It is proposed to turn some of the rooms in the palace at Versailles into a theatre, and give there special performances of the plays of Molière, produced in the most elaborate fashion. The plan is to make the theatre, to a certain extent, the Bayreuth of Molière's plays, and one feature of this will be the performance of the comedies with the costumes and scenery copied from the original. The theatre will also be used for concerts. for concerts,
When Forbes Robertson takes his company to
Germany he will play in "Romeo and Juliet,"
as well as "Hamlet," and take the dangerous
risk of having Mrs. Patrick Campbell act in

Magda."
Paris is looking forward with interest to "Les Paris is looking forward with interest to "Les Transatlantiques," a new social comedy by Abel Hermant, which will soon be acted there. The last play by this author was "The Park," which satirized prominent persons so boldly that the Prince de Sagan, who figured in the piece, fought a duel with M. Hermant. There are Americans as well as Frenchmen in the new play, and the leading character is the daughter of an American millionaire. She marries a titled Frenchman. When the play was published in book form all of its characters were readily recognizable, and there is considerable interest to see how the actors will impersonate them on the stage.

L. N. Parker has made a new adaptation of "The Three Guardsmen," Last year he did a similar service for "Legadere," known here as "The Duke's Motto."

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Addition Ristorist bave control of the top-atrical department of the exposition to be held in Munich next year. She will lond to the ex-hibit the rare collection of autographs which she possesses in addition to her costumes and jewels. Autograph articles written by the cider Dumas, Cavour, and other noted men are in the collection.

## MUSIC AT THE METROPOLITAN. Last of the Series of Sunday Concerts Unde

The last of the Sunday concerts to be given inder the control of R. E. Johnston & Co. was hold at the Metropolitan Opera House last night. The audience was small. With Sembrich, Plançon, Nordica, and Ysaye absent, there were no stars of especial magnitude on the programme, so the orchestral numbers were more numerous than they have been for some time past. Anton Seldl directed his orchestra in the overture to 'Mignon," in the prelude to and two selections from the third act of "Die Meistersinger," in Solvejy's song from "Peer Gynt," and in the prelude and finale to "Tristan and Isolde." In the virtuoso programmes that have been the rule since this series commenced, the orchestra has rarely played so important a part in the evening's entertainment. Mr. Seidl looked

contented.

Alice Verlet was the soloist. She was heard in an aris from "La Sonnambula." Her personality is agreeable, and so is her voice. But she was scarcely equal to the Bellini florature, Her performance of that was neither finished nor elegant.

The Sutro sisters played well enough to re-ceive one encore and two bouquets. That is less flattering but more appropriate for duct-tists than one bouquet and two encores. Leon Marx played the violin and Mme. Jacoby sang an aria by Gounod.

## WOULDN'T WED IN A POLICE COURT. Groom Was Willing, but the Bride Preferred

Josephus Fleming of Townsbury, Warren ounty, N. J., and his 20-year-old daughter. Josephine, appeared before Magistrate Kudlich in Jefferson Market Court yesterday as complainants against Harvey Fleming, formerly a resident of the same town, but no relation to them. The young man was in charge of a Central Office detective. It was charged that Harvey, after promising to marry Miss Fleming ast September, had disappeared, greatly to her embarrassment. Harvey, who came to New York a week ago, said the sooner he was married to Miss Fleming the happier he would be

ried to Miss Fleming the happier he would be. The Magistrate dismissed the charge on condition that he marry her at once.

All preparations were made for a marriage on the platform before the Magistrate's bench, but the young woman said she didn't want to be married in a police court. Her father also said he didn't like the idea. After a consultation, Josephus, Josephine, and Harvey, accompanied by the slenth, went off through Tenth street to find a minister.

### "BIG OSCAR" IN TROUBLE. With a Pal He is Caught Film-Flamming to

Jersey City-" Mr. Boyle's" Arrest. Charles Schultz and George Wilson, who claim to live in this city, were arrrested in Jersey City on Saturday night while doing a thriv ing business in "film-flamming" storekeepers. After they had been locked up a man entered the station house and asked what they had been arrested for. He was taken into custody, and gave his name as Edward Boyle. He said he lived in this city, but refused to give any adlress. He was afterward identified as "Teddy' Reynolds, a shell game operator. The police found Schultz's picture in former Chief Byrnes's onk on noted criminals. Schultz is known as acar Amman, alias Hopkins, alias Ferguson, nd in the profession he is called "Big Oscar," ils occupation is put down as "film-flammer, il tapper, and all-around thief, onen for any lad of crooked business." The prisoners were

# COUNCIL OF TEN ARTISTS.

Seceders from the S. A. A. to Have a Rival Seciety and Exhibitions of Their Own.

The ten artists who recently withdrew from the Society of American Artists held a meeting on Saturday night at the studio of Robert Reid, 68 West Fifty-eighth street. The object of the meeting was to discuss the organization which the artists threaten to form next spring, and untheir own pictures in the future. The meeting led ide to allow other artists to join them. If the other ertists so choose. Outsiders will have to get n. Some night this week, not yet decided on, here will be another meeting of the ten in Mr. Reid's studio, when the organization will be ormed, and probably named.

Child Falls Out of a Third-Story Window. Three-year-old Michael Devatt, whose parenta live at 56A Huil street, Brooklyn, fell out of a third-story window and was injured, probably futally. TO FIGHT THE POSTAL CUT.

MR. QUIGG ADDRESSES A BIG MEET-ING OF LETTER CARRIERS.

Items to He Taken at Once to Arouse Opp tion Among Citizens to the Proposed Re-duction of the Sumber of Mail Deliveries in This City from Seven to Four.

More than 2,000 letter carriers of New York nd Brooklyn and a number from other districts in the Greater New York met yesterday afternoon in the Grand Central Palace to con fer on the proposed reduction in the carrier ser-vice of the Post Office Department in this and in other cities. Before the meeting was called o order it would have been hard to find a more downcast set of men anywhere. When it was over the condition of affairs was just the opposite. Men who had feared that they would lose their places as carriers were filled with new hope, and the beginning of a mighty protest against any curtailment of deliveries in this city and been made. No definite action was taken but a committee of letter carriers was appointed, and in a day or two some effort will be made to wake the residents of this city and Brooklyn to protest against any measure which shall hamper the delivery of mail in those cities. Radical measures of some sort will be taken to arouse the more strictly business portions of the city so that the Pest Office Department shall be obliged, in obedience to public opinion, to postpone the proposed order to cut down the

There were three speakers at the meeting yesterday, and every point they made threw the carriers into a frenzy of enthusiasm. The speakers were M. A. Fitzgerald, the President of branch 36 of the Letter Carriers' Association; John M. Parsons, President of the national organization, and Congressman Lemuel E. Quigg. who has been working day and night to wake up New York to the serious nature of the measure proposed by the Post Office Department. ously, but when Mr. Quigg ended the whole crowd of carriers jumped to their feet and gave three terrific cheers and a tiger as their appre ciation of his work in their behalf.

Mr. Quigg laid special emphasis on the point that public opinion must be worked up so as to influence the Post Office Department, which would be the body really responsible if any curtailment in delivery service were made before Congress had taken action on the question.

Mr. Parsons called the meeting to order, and Mr. Fitzgerald was appointed Chairman, "We are here," said the latter, "to see just what action we can take to prevent the lessening of our force. About 300 of our men may be thrown out of work if the proposed measure is carried into effect. At this season of the year such a thing would be very bad, and we are naturally anxious to take intelligent action to prevent it from happening. We stand willing to lend the department \$150,000, if it can't get the money in any other way. It has been shown that this city any other way. It has been shown that this city has brought in a net revenue of \$50,000.000 in the past five years to the department, and to cripple our office is to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. Think of the stagnation of our mail here in the last few days, and then think that instead of having the greater number of deliveries for which people are clamoring, we are going to have the service cut down!"

Mr. Parsons said that the men had no need to feel discouraged, for if public opinion were aroused; the department would be obliged to respect it.

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"The officers of the department," he said, "are not generally in accord with the proposed reduction, but they think that they have no alternative. The matter will surely come before Congress, and we are glad to say that our representatives there have the same interest in the matter as we have."

"The appropriation for the delivery service," said Mr. Quigg, "is made in a lump sum. The proposed measure to segregate the items did not succeed in passing. Now the Post Office Department has \$14,000,000 for the free delivery service. That sum, \$14,000,000, is placed

not succeed in passing. Now the Post Office Department has \$14,000,000 for the free delivery service. That sum, \$14,000,000, is placed in bulk in the hands of the department, and it is left to the discretion of the Postmaster-General as to how it shall be used. It has been discovered that the expenditures will exceed this appropriation by possibly \$125,000.

During the existence of the Post Office Department—nearly a century—there have been, I think, only two years in which the expenditures did not exceed the appropriation.

"The history of the department shows that the more the free delivery service has been extended the larger has been the income. Mr. Loud has told Mr. Heath that he (Mr. Loud) will oppose any bill to supply the coming deficiency. I suggested to Mr. Heath very mildly that Mr. Loud had only one vote and that there were as many as \$55 others in Congress and as many as \$7 in the Senate. Moreover, I said that the time to cripple the service would be after Congress had refused the appropriation. Mr. Loud had said, I heard, that the Post Office Committee would appropriate no more money for the coming year than it did last year. Mr. Loud had said. I heard, that the Post Office Committee would appropriate no more money for the coming year than it did last year. I said that it would be the first time that Congress had refused to make a larger appropriation than for the year before, and I think such action would be taken only when an end was made to progress in the United States. We must get the Postmaster-General to postpone crippling the service until Congress has refused the increase.

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"The sum to be cut off the saiaries is, I am told, \$24,000 for New York and \$16,000 for Brooklyn. That's small in one way, but it's big to the man who is turned out. And it is big where even now, with all our deliveries, we can't get the mail out of the office on time. Of course, out in San Francisco-they don't have as much mail matter as we. [Laughter.] But here is one thing for everybody to remember. With all our deliveries here we spend a smaller per cent. of our receipts than they do in San Francisco. We consume only 17 per cent. and they, use up 21 per cen'. But Mr. Loud says that four deliveries a day are enough for any residential section. Out in San Francisco they do have residential sections. [Laughter.] But is the Columbus avenue district residential; and is the Harlem district residential; [A dozen voices: "I guess not."] Are there any twenty-live blocks here where we don't do more business than is done in all San Francisco! [Cheers and laughter.] There is no residential section in New York. We use every square inch for business. "Now everybody can imagine that you don't

inch for business.

"Now, everybody can imagine that you don't want to be dismissed. There is nothing to be accomplished by impressing this fact on the department, or on Mr. Loud, gentle as he is. But the people of Now York must do this, and they must wake up and realize the serious nature of the thing before it's done. If anybody asks you how many delivories there are a day, just fell him that there are seven now, but that there will be only four.

"On Jau. 26, Mr. Heath says, the order will be issued, to take effect on Feb. 1. The deficiency hill can't come up in the House before April or May. If the people of New York only take a little interest in the matter new, the order will not be issued by the Post Office Department. I promise you that the delegation in Congress and the whole delegation will concern themselves with this matter. It will be thoroughly investigated, and the business interests of the city and the country will be cared for."

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Three hundred members of Branch No. 41 of the National Association of Letter Carriers met at Arcanum Hall in Bridge street. Brooklyn, yesterday to discuss the proposed reduction in the number of letter carriers in the Brooklyn Post Office. President John C. Irvino was in the chair. It was said that if Postimaster Wilson is compelled to discharge forty-two carriers the number of mail delivery trips made daily will be reduced from five to three. This, it was said, was not pleasing to the business men of the city, and a mass meeting will probably be held during the week, at which the merchants will express themselves as heing against any reduction in the number of deliveries. The letter carriers declared that in case Postmaster Wilson is compelled to dispense with the services of forty-two men each number of the branch will be assessed two days. case resumater without is compelled to dispense with the services of forty-two men each member of the branch will be assessed two days' pay each month for the benefit of the discharged men. There are \$25 members, and it is proposed to support the forty-two discharged carriers for five months, giving them ample time to get other employment.

## WAS THE HORSEMAN MURDERED? Basside May Have Been Killed for His Money

and His Body Placed on the Track. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16,-The mangled body of J. H. Raeside, a well-known horseman, who was run over by a train in Oakland on Fri-day, was forwarded to night to Chicago. The Coroner's jury failed to decide whether it was a case of accident or murder, and the verdict was postponed thil Monday night.

Rheside's friends and the Coroner believe that he was killed for his money and the body placed on the track. It has been found that he had \$1,200 and some jewelry on his person, but, though he was picked up immediately after the curine passed over him, only a little small change was found in his pocket and no lowelry. His tooky was so hadly mangied that it was investible to tell whether he had received any serious wounds before the train hit him. Too engineer says the body lay squarely across the track, as though it land been placed thers. Coroner's jury failed to decide whether it was a

# Fatally Stricken While Attending Mass.

Ann McLaughlin, 60 years old, of 20 Colden street, Jersey City, attended the 6 o'clock mass at St. Bridget's Church yesterday morning. During the services she became ill and fell, fainting. An ambulence was summoned from the City Hospital, Mrs. McLaugalin died on the way to the hospital. Her death is attributed to heart discuss. SIMMS NO CRAP SHOOTER

sgistrate Displays His Ignerance When Score of Experts Are Arraigned. Despite the earnest opposition, not to say per

secution, of the police, the good old Afro-Amer ican game of craps still flourishes in this city. and at frequent intervals the rattle of the alluring pair of dice is heard in the police courts the West Fifty-fourth Street Court, where were arraigned Andrew Riley and Samuel Jone charged with being proprietors, and twenty-one other men charged with being frequenters of crap-shooting joint at 304 West Thirty-eighth street. The place was raided on Saturday night by Detective Boyle of the West Thirty-seventh street police station and a force of men, who broke into the rooms and found the prisoners engaged in shooting craps out of season in vio lation of the game laws.

When they were arraigned in the police court it was found that they were poorly outfitted in the matter of names. John Jones had to do duty as a cognomen for seven of them, and five others yied with each other for the privilege of being known as James Davis. In other respects however, they were well equipped. When the Magistrate asked for evidence of the disorderly

Magistrate asked for evidence of the disorderly character of the place the detective spread out on the desk twelve razors, three evelvers, three eets of dice and a box, and \$2.70 in dimes and nickels.

"That's a fine collection of cutlery," observed Magistrate Simms. "How many of you are barbers! Itold up your hands."

Twelve hands went up.
"A very fair count," said the Magistrate, looking from the razors to the pistois. "Now, how many of you are shooters!"

There was some hestiation. Then a tall black stepped forward and said:
"I can shoot as good as de next gen man. Yassir, I shot craps fo' times runnin' las' night, But not foh money. No, sah, not foh money, he added hastily.
"He means crap shooting," explained Detective Hoyle to the Magistrate, who said:
"I'm talking about shooting with pistols. Who does that kind?"
Nobody replied, His Honor then picked up the dice.
"How do you shoot craps!" he asked, care.

Notody replied.

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"Mess o' craps," cried several admiringly.
"Good fo' luck."
"You hadn't ought to frow 'em out de box."
said one of the John Joneses. "You had ought
to shoot 'em wif yo' han."
Magistrate Simms tried by hand, but could do
no better than a six and a four, which is not a
promising throw. He called Riley before him to
explain how the crowd happened to be shooting
craps in the Thirty-eight street place.
"It's a club," said Riley. "The Onward Club.
I'm President. Mr. Jones, Mr. Sam Jones, is
Vice-President. We play whist at our club.
There's a white gent man in the club. There he
stands over there, 'rested long with us all. That
proves it's a club."
"Ho's our club mascot. Don't pay no dues or
nuthin'. Just mascots for the club."
The mascot must have been out of working
order, for Messrs, Riley and Jones were held in
\$5000 each for trial on charge of keeping a
gambling club. The others were fined \$3 apiece
for disorderly conduct, including the mascot
himself.

## SAVED A CHINESE GIRL.

She Learned the Fate in Store for Her and Ap pealed for Help.

San Francisco, Jan. 16.-Lun Foon, a Chi of English, was saved yesterday from a life of shame in Chinatown, and is now at one of the missions. She passed the examination for landing, having been well coached in her part as the daughter of a Chinese merchant of this city returning from a visit to the old country. "parents" testified to the truth of her story, and she would have been landed yesterstory, and she would have been landed yesterday, but just before the time for leaving the vessel she learned what would be her fate.

She had been told by her brother in China that she was to be married to a rich Chinese merchant in San Francisco and all directions for finding his place had been given to her. But from the talk of other women she learned that she had really been sold to a brothelkeeper, who would keep her in slavery till some one bought her or she died of the hard life.

So she appealed with sobs and cries to the white interpreter, told her story and was taken in charge. Officials regard her revelations as valuable, as they will lead to the exposure of dealers engaged in importing Chinese female slaves.

ANGRY COWBOYS AND MINERS. Serious Trouble Threatened Between Them o the Wichita Reservation.

PERRY, Oklahoma, Jan. 16.-Men arriving Wichita Mountains say that trouble between the cowboys and prospectors for gold day. In the past week half a dozen serious af 10,000 men, led by Gen. Hewes, would soon march into the mountains and declare it open for white settlement has caused the squad of land boomers to double. Some of these boomers have been encamped on the line of the Wichita, Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Indian country Kiowa, Comsache, and Apache Indian country for three years, waiting for the opening day, and the recent order to cattlemen has caused great indignation to the hundreds of boomers. Gen. Hewes is now at Navajo on the border, and the hostfilty between the cowmen and the land boomers and indires is intense. A party of cowboys were fired upon on Friday by some men in ambush. The releasing of the land means that the country will not be opened for several years and the land boomers will be compelled to find new fields.

### MRS. FRANCIS LEE MORRELL TO WED Her Engagement to Hamilton Wilker Car Has Been Announced.

The engagement of Mrs. Francis Lee Morrell of 800 Fifth avenue and Hamilton Wilkes Cary has been formally announced. Mrs. Morrell inherited a large fortune from her father, the late Jabez Bostwick, one of the heads of the Standard Oil Company. Her husband, who was thrown from his carriage and killed, also left a fortune Mrs. Morrell is very handsome as well as Mrs. Morrell is very handsome as well as wealthy. Two seasons ago she was to have been married for the second time, but changed her mind the day before the one fixed for the welding.

Mr. Cary, who is a relative of Mrs. Astor, has been prominent in society for a number of years. He is a member of the Union, Knickerbocker, Metropolitan, and other clubs.

FATAL ACCIDENTAL POISONING. Retired Bookkeeper Mistook Carbolic Acid for Whiskey.

Sigmond Politza, a retired bookkeener of 63 East 105th street, was found dead in bed at 2 o'clock yesterday morning by his wife and three adult children. They noticed the smell of car bolle acid throughout the house when they re boile acid throughout the house when they re-turned from the theatre at that hour, and the odor was traced to Mr. Politza's room. For some years he had suffered with cramps, and it is believed that in the dark he mistook a bottle of carboile acid for whiskey and swallowed a quan-tity of the poison.

Many members of the Lotos Club joined in giving a dinner on Saturday evening to Catholina Lambert. The menu contained the announcement that the dinner was given by his associate members in the club interested in

Lotos Club Dinner to Catholina Lambert.

American art. Mr. Lambert has been one of the active members of the Art Committee of the club, and the testimonial was in recognition of his very great services. There were short succeives of congratulation and preise, and an evening of merrymaking in general. Among those present were Frank R. Lawrence, President of the club; W. T. Evans, Chairman of the Art Committee; Charles De Kay, George A. Hearn, Froderic Bonner, H. N. Fraser, Henry W. Ranger, T. J. Blakeslee, C. N. Wayland, G. K. Clark, John Elderkin, W. H. Hume, Homer Lee, D. B. Sickels, H. B. Wilson, H. B. Brundrett, Charles F. Homer, George H. Bogert, and George E. Schanck. the active members of the Art Committee of the

### Accused of Passing Worthless Checks. John Swart, 45 years old, who refuses to give

his address, was arrested in Jersey City on Saturday night on a charge of passing worthless checks. Swart went into several stores in New checks. Swart went into several stores in New-ark avenue, bought a bill of goods in each place, and paid for them in checks. Each check was drawn for \$20 and the purchase usually smounted to \$17 or \$18. In nearly every in-stance he succeeded in getting the change. In some places he ordered his purchases sent to Itahway and in others to Waverly. Policeman Patrick Callery arrested him after watching him for some time. Several \$20 checks were found in his pecket.

John Foley, a longshoreman, was asphyxiated with gas in the hotel at 125 Fulton street, Brooklyn, yesterday morning. He was intoxi-cated when he entered the room, and it is thought that he turned out the gas and then turned it on again accidentally. BABIES ALL BEWITCHED?

THE GARLS LUST ELEVEN AND POW-WOW DOCTORS SAVED FOUR.

All the Babics Bled Before They Were Four Months Old-The Inscription and Performance the Paywow Man West Through

READING, Pa., Jan. 16 .- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garl of this city have had fifteen children born unto them, of whom only the last four are living. The others died, one after the other spon after birth. Mr. and Mrs. Garl say that all the fifteen were bewitched, that eleven died through the witchery, and that the lives of the four were saved because powwow doctors broke the spell about them.

The story of the witchery was brought to the police, and a Sun representative called personally at the Garl home, 613 North Thirteenth street, to investigate the matter. Mr. and Mrs. Garl were born in Reading, and were married twenty-one years ago. The husband is now 42 and the wife 38. Both are intelligent and in excellent health. Mr. Garl is employed at a sand works, and works every day. The parents told THE SUN correspondent that all of their fifteen children were vigorous, beautiful, and apparently healthy at birth. Shortly thereafter each wasted away to a skeleton. Mrs. Garl said: " My babes at first were all very healthy, but

in a short time they became nothing but skin

and bone. Their appetites were good to the

last. Three lived only a week, The others

came more than four months old, except those

who are still living. Those that died had good who are still living. Those that died had good appetites and clear eyes and apparently were not ill. Their fiesh simply disappeared and they passed away. We never gave the children any laudanum or other drugs to make them sleep. We had good doctors. They prescribed no drugs. It was all a puzzle to them.

"When the eleventh died we despaired of ever raising one. We had a number of visitors, and finally a friend said to us that, while he did not believe in witchcraft and did not attach any serious importance to nowwowing, he believed

ever raising one. We had a number of visitors and finally a friend said to us that, while he did not believe in witchcraft and did not attach any serious importance to powwowing, he believed that our children might be suffering under some strange spell. We did not believe in any such witcheraft either. We are Christian people. No matter if it was against our belief, we were willing to try anything to keep our little darlings. We were told of two local powwow doctors, strong men, and we sent for them one at a time. They listened patiently to the story. Both powwow doctors said that a certain old woman was taking the lives of our babes by a spell, but they mentioned no name.

"We agreed when a powpow man said he could help us to let him go ahead, when our twelfth child was born, and seemed to be going the very same way that the other eleven had. The witch doctor brought a piece of muslin and a needle with thread. He had what he said was the 'Seventh Book of Moses,' a pen, and red ink. He looked at the sick child, blew over its shrunken arms and limbs with his breath, waved his arms over it, said a prayer to himself, then copied from a book the following on a silp of paper, using his red ink:

"Trotter head, I forbid thee my house and premises. I forbid thee my horse and cow stable. I forbid thee my bedstead, that thou mayest not breathe upon me. Breathe into some other house until thou hast ascended every hill, until thou hast crossed every water, and thus dear day may come again into my house. In the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

"He put this writing into a small muslin bag which he made with his own hands and hung it at the head of the cradle, and from that very moment the child began to improve. I know many will say 'Nonsense.' May be I would, too. But let them. What Is y is Gospel truth. Our little Matel is now 4 years old. She is a bright, happy child. After the pow-wow man had left her cradle her cough went away; her food did her good; she slept better, and in three weeks we sa on her ourselves, so we had to find another man who had the power. We had three for our four children who still live. Strange to say, every one told us we should accept no gift from any one nor give anything to any one for a period of nine days, and of course we obeyed instructions to the letter. Our four children did not die like the other eleven, and yet they had the same affliction after a week or a month of most excellent health. Now, what savoid our four children! It was not medicine, for we gave them none. Was it special prayers! Was it supernatural! Was a witch defeated or a spell removed from our house? I do not know. I hope it was our earnest prayers.

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The children now living are Frederick, Laura, Katie, and Mabel, the pictures of health. The dead children are Emma, aged 3 months; Lillie, 19 days; Ida, 4 months; Clara, 14 days; Willie, 4 months; Annie, 7 days; Mamie, 5 weeks; Rosa, 2 menths; Jennie, 3 months; Harry, 3 months, and Florence, 3 months and 23 days.

# He Tried Single Handed to Arrest a Boren Man

Who Were Fighting. Policeman Harry A. Marks of the West Fortyseventh street station found a dozen men fighting in the hall of Farley's Assembly Rooms, at 454 West Fifty-fourth street, early yesterday morning. He yanked two into the street by the scruff of their necks, and was reaching out for a third, when somebody from behind struck him a blow on the back of the head. Marks fell heavily from the doorstep to the sidewalk.

The gang probably would have made short work of him, had it not been that two other policemen. O'Kennedy and McIntyre, attracted by the uprour, came running up just at that moment. Nobody was left when they got there moment. Nobody was left when they got there but Marks, unconscious, his belinet in the gutter, and his head in a pool of blood.

They sent Marks to Roosevelt Hospital, where it was thought at first his skull was fractured. But he was only stunned, and was able to leave the hospital some hours later, after the scalp wound had been sewed up.

Vicksburg Off on a Cruise as a Training Ship, NewPoiet, R. I., Jan. 16.-The gunboat Vicksburg, with a crew of naval apprentices, sailed to-day for the winter's cruise in West Indian and South American waters. She will spend February and March in the West Indies, and arrive in Venezuela in April, returning by way of Key West and Savannah, arriving at Gar-diner's Bay, Long Island, on June 15. This is the first cruise of the Vicksburg as a training ship.

Vermenters to Meet at the Montauk Club. The annual reunion of the Brooklyn Society of ermonters will be held in the Montauk Club this evening, and among those expected to be present are Gov. Grout of Vermont, Samue E. Pingree, formerly Governor of the State, and Senator Thurston of Nebraska.

# Store Robbed in Brookism.

The dry goods store of Lewis Summers, at 189 Columbia street, Brooklyn, was robbed early yesterday morning of about \$100 in cash and goods. The robbers cut out a panel in the front

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SAGINETE PLAYERS ARRESTED. They Got Rid of Their Weapons to Aveld an

An anonymous letter written in a schoolgirl's and was received by Capt, Albertson of the Mulberry street station on Saturday night. It set forth that the writer's father was being swindled out of his money nightly by playing saginete" at 239 Elizabeth street, on the sec

ond floor in the rear. Capt. Albertson detailed Detectives Jackson Mnhoney, and Feretti on the case, and they went immediately to the flat and knocked on the door. A voice within asked what was wanted. "I want to play sagincte," replied Feretti in

The door immediately opened and the three detectives entered. Jackson stayed on guard at the door while Feretti and Mahoney ran to the table to get money and cards as evidence. The

table to get money and cards as evidence. The thirteen Italians started to offer resistance, but the policemen draw their revolvers and threatened to shoot. Three of the Italians made a rush for Jackson, but he knocked one of them down and the two others tumbled over the one who fell.

To the amazement of the delectives, every Italian with a rush jumped on a b-d that was in the room. When all the men were made prisoners the bed was searched, and between the mattresses eleven stilettos, two razors, and five revolvers were found. The Italians, in thus freeing themselves of their weapous, escaped being arraigned on an additional charge.

At the station the prisoners gave their names as Guseppe Oleschu, Guseppe Clutalo, Cristoforo Lavarco, Lorenzo Cuttaio, Salvador Maneo, Fortunato Franzioni, Antonio Lovelo, Jorolomano Lucattaca, Antonio Riota, Fortunato Chiappone, Giuseppe Damico, Vittore Damico, and Gluseppe Juela,

In Centre Street Court yesterday the thirteen prisoners were fined \$5 each by Magistrate Flammer for disorderly conduct, and were committed to the Tombs in default of payment.

PORT AU PRINCE'S BIG FIRE.

About a Third of the City Swept and 5,000

A passenger on the Dutch steamship Print Willem III., which arrived yesterday from Hay swept away about a third of the city of Port au Prince on the night of Dec. 28. He says that more than five thousand persons have been made homeless, and that the damage is estimated at \$1,500,000. The fire began about 10:45 P. M., when nearly all the residents of the town were asleep. The water supply was so the town were asleep. The water supply was so poor that the firemen were forced to resort to pulling down buildings to check the spread of the flames. A strong gale was blowing, and before morning about 800 buildings had been destroyed, including St. Joseph's Church, the Hotel de France, the Pharmacie St. Joseph, and the store of Guerin & Thomas, dealers in general merchandisc. The planing mill and lumber plant of Green, Kacht & Co., a Boston concern, was also burned. The Arab and Syrian colony was almost wiped out. The American Minister, W. F. Powell, and his sucretary, Edgar Furbish, worked hard fighting the fire.

# He Toppled Down the Shaft of an Elevator

William Court, 53 years of age, of 358 West Forty-ninth street fell through the elevator shaft from the fifth to the ground floor at 17 Elizabeth street about 8 o'clock yesterday morning and was killed. Court, who was a carpenter, had with his son and another man just begun the work of repairing the elevator, which had been damaged by a recent fire in the building. He had opened one side of a trap door and was raising the other when he lost his balance and fell headlong down the shaft.

A synagogue at 237 Fifth street. Jersey City. where the Teferth Israel congregation worships. was broken into by thioves after the morning service yesterday and the poor boxes wer broken open and rifled of their contents. Durbroken open and rifled of their contents. During the afternoon four boys, who were spending money for eigarettes, candy and peanuts, were picked up by the police and admitted that they had robbed the poor boxes. The prisoners are Thomas Mulligan, 14 years old, of 94 Erie street; James Moran, 11, of 23s Sixth street; Thomas Degnan, 10, of 247 Fifth street, and William Pierce, 13, of 227 Sixth street. They were locked up on a charge of breaking, entering and larceny.

Dr. Cherurg Discharged.

Dr. Leon Cherurg of 52 Eldridge street, a member of the Tammany General Committee and physician at Ludlow Street Jail, who was arrested on Saturday night, accused of perform-ing a criminal operation upon Mrs. Fannie Wolf of 95 Forsyth street, was discharged yesterday in the Essex Market Court.

> MARINE INTELLIGENCE. MINIATURE ALMANAC-THIS DAY.

Sun rises .... 7 21 | Sun sets .. 5 00 | Moon rises, 2 88 HIGH WATER-THIS DAY. Sandy Hook. 206 | Gov.lard. 238 | Hell Gate.. 431 Arrived-SUNDAY, Jan. 16.

Ss Auguste Victoria, Kaempf, Genoa Jan 4, Naples and Gibraltar 4th.
Ss Eveline, Burgess, Hamburg.
Ss La Normandle, Beloncle, Havre.
Ss Servia, Watt, Liverpool.
Ss Prins Wilten II., Von der Est, Trinidad.
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ARRIVED OUT. Sa La Bretagne, from New York, at Havre, Sa Aurania, from New York, at Liverpool.

Sa Sicilla, from New York for Copenhagen, passed the Lizard.
Sa Friesland, from Antwerp for New York, passed Sa Horrox, from New York for Manchester, passed ow Head.

SAILED FROM POSEIGS PORTS. 5s Campania, from Queenstown for New York. Ss Weimar, from Bremen for New York.

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ALBANY ORGANIST ARRESTED. Accused of Keeping the Ecclesiastical Articles

A charge of larceny was preferred in Centre Street Court yesterday by Frederick Bohne of the firm of Bohne Bros., ecclesiastical tailors, at 11 Barclay street, against Francis X. Hasel of Albany. Hasel is well known as an organist in Albany. He plays in a Catholic Church in Hamilton street in that town and lives in Trin-

For two years, up to last August, Hazel acted as the tailors' agent. Mr. Bohne alleged thas
Hasel refused to return \$54.75 worth of cassocks, stoles, berettas, and surplices, which had
been given to him as samples. He said he had
paid Hasel \$15 a week and expenses.

Hasel declared that he retained the samples
as security for his wages. He admitted that he
had received a number of checks for \$25 and
\$50, but maintained that these were given to
him in payment of his expenses and not as
wages. Hasel was arrested in Albany on Saturday by Central Office Detectives Brown and
Frazee of this city.

Magistrate Flammer held Hasel in \$500 bail
for trial. Hasel's brother, who is a Catholic
priest in Hoboken, was in the court and precurred a bondsman for the prisoner.

STUDENTS HIT BACK AT FACULTY.

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of Their Teachers Attend Chapel. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 16,-Chapel atendance has always been firmly insisted upon by Rutgers College professors, and many a luck-less student has got into trouble with the faculty because he failed to attend chapel meetings. The students also find it annoying to have their chapel records open to inspection at the Registrar's office. In yesterday's issue of the Targum, the college publication, the students took revenge upon the faculty by publishing the chapel records of their teachers. The records were as follows:

Days observed 15, Nov. 29 to Dec. 13, 1897, the business total resulting a tendence 400.

Days observed 15, Nov. 29 to Dec. 13, 1897, inclusive; total possible attendance, 405; total actual attendance, 149; per cent, actual attendance, 37; highest attendance any one day, 15; date, Dec. 3; lowest, 6; dates, Dec. 14 and Dec. 16; best records, two present every time, one present 14, one 12; worst records, eight not present at all. Dec. 2 and 3 were the only dates on which over half the faculty were present.

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DIED. CARLISLE. -In this city, on Sunday, Jan. 16, Logan Carlisle, son of John G. and Mary J. Caritale in the 38th year of his age. Notice of funeral hereafter.

McMANN, -On Sunday evening, Jan. 16, Eliza Renville, widow of James D. McMann, and daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Renville, in the 89th year of her age. Notice of funeral hereafter.

ROWLAND. -Suddenly, Saturday, Jan. 15, 1895, James G. Rowland, in his 64th year.

Relatives and friends and members of Harlem Lodge, 457, F. and A. M., are invited to attend the funeral services on Monday evening, Jan. 17, at 7:30 o'clock, at the residence of his son-in-law, B. E. Stoeckel, 446 East 120th at.

23 West 56th st., Lazarus Straus, in his 89th year. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Beth-El, 5th av. and 76th st., on Monday, Jan. 17. at 10 A. M. Please omit flowers. FALLON.—In Hoboken, on Friday, Jan. 14, 1898,

William P. Tallon, brother of the Rev. Walter Relatives and friends of the family are respectful-

ly invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, 713 Park av., Hoboken, Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 9 A. M.; thence to Our Lady of Grace Church, where a olemn high mass of requiem will be offered for the repose of his soul. WALL, -At New Brighton, S. I., on Saturday, Jan.

15, Annie C., wife of Frank T. Wall and daughter of the late Alexander A. Meldrum. Funeral services at her late residence, Clinton and enderson avs., New Brighton, on Tuesday at

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